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INHIBITORS OF APOPTOSIS PROTEINS IN PLANTS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding an apoptosis inhibitory protein. The invention also relates to the construction of a chimeric gene encoding all or a portion of the apoptosis inhibitory protein, in sense or antisense orientation, wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the apoptosis inhibitory protein in a transformed host cell.